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## **Copeland Bill Now on Senate Calendar**

The Senate Committee on Commerce on March 22nd favorably reported the Copeland bill, S. 5, as amended by the Committee, with the recommendation that it pass. The Association is reprinting the bill as reported by the Committee and mailing it to all of its members, along with a statement pointing out the more important changes made by the Committee in the bill as originally introduced on January 3rd. The Commerce Committee's report on the bill (Senate Report 361) was released on March 27th.

## **Consumers' Guide Corrects Erroneous Statement**

The Consumers' Guide, published by Consumers' Counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, corrects in its issue of March 11th an erroneous statement that appeared in the Guide for January 28th relative to the attitude of the Industrial Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration on the subject of labeling.

The item published in the Consumers' Guide for January 28th stated:

"Consumers' agencies in Washington and consumers' organizations throughout the country continue to urge canners to label their goods with grades consumers can understand and compare. Canners, through their Code Authority Committee, are willing to put more information on labels to help consumers, but prefer 'descriptive terms'—such as Fancy, Choice, and Standard—to grades of the A, B, and C variety. NRA's Industrial Advisory Board is supporting the A, B, C grading system."

The correction as it appeared in the March 11th issue states:

"January 28 issue of the Consumers' Guide summarized new developments in the movement for grading and labeling canned goods. By typographical error it was made to appear that NRA's Industrial Advisory Board is supporting the A, B, C grading system. The correct position is that NRA's Consumers' Advisory Board is supporting the A, B, C grading system, while NRA's Industrial Advisory Board is supporting organized canners who are willing to put more information on labels but oppose the descriptive terms 'Fancy,' 'Choice,' and 'Standard,' and A, B, C designations, recommended by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics."

### **Amendment Proposed to Salmon Canning Code**

The National Recovery Administration has issued formal notice that objections or suggestions to the proposed amendment to the Canned Salmon Industry Code relative to employment contracts must be submitted by April 4th. The proposed amendment would add a new section, as follows:

"To prepare and submit to the National Industrial Recovery Administration from time to time standard provisions for employment contracts for all persons employed in the United States proper for work in Alaska on a monthly basis. Such standard provisions shall not become effective until approved by the National Industrial Recovery Board, provided that for any contract provision to be applicable during any calendar year such approval must be given by April 1st of that year. Such standard provisions shall not be changed except with the approval of the National Industrial Recovery Board. After such standard provisions are approved no member of the industry shall enter into a contract with any employee on terms less favorable to such employee than provided in the standard provision for such class of employee. Violation of any applicable standard provisions which have been approved by the National Industrial Recovery Board shall constitute a violation of this code. For the calendar year 1935, standard provisions approved on or before April 15, 1935, shall become effective pursuant to this Section."

### **New York City Regulates Production and Sale of Vitamin D Milk**

The Department of Health of the City of New York has recently adopted regulations effective June 1st, governing the production and sale in the city of New York of milk and milk products, including evaporated and condensed milk, fortified with vitamin D in any manner whatsoever. Two types of permits are provided for: "Vitamin D Processing Permit," which confers permission to produce and sell vitamin D fortified milk within the city of New York, and "Vitamin D Transportation Permit," which confers permission to transport into and sell in the city of New York milk that has been fortified with Vitamin D.

### **Pasteurizing Soil Electrically to Control Damping-Off**

An 8-page pamphlet on pasteurizing soil electrically to control damping-off has been issued as Bulletin No. 651 by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. The pasteurization of greenhouse soil with electric heat has given satisfactory control of damping-off, the bulletin states, and most weed seeds, except clover and an occasional purslane seed, as well as nematodes and insects are likewise killed.

# Canned Food Exports in February

Canned food exports in February showed generally substantial increases over those reported for February, 1934, according to the Department of Commerce. The monthly statistics follow:

Articles	February, 1934		February, 1935	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Canned meats, total.....	1,504,597	\$ 456,470	1,006,245	\$ 329,750
Beef .....	221,056	75,911	247,441	84,574
Pork .....	1,127,920	346,937	628,160	216,903
Sausage .....	124,621	27,447	76,690	18,737
Other .....	31,000	6,175	53,054	9,536
Canned vegetables, total.....	1,489,395	132,686	1,722,908	165,938
Asparagus .....	673,682	71,881	545,800	65,854
Baked beans, and pork and beans .....	178,979	10,424	265,570	14,930
Corn .....	155,585	10,540	162,244	15,530
Peas .....	114,751	9,854	119,155	11,464
Soups .....	81,208	8,656	166,365	21,846
Tomatoes .....	110,301	7,931	196,774	13,019
Other .....	174,880	13,400	266,994	23,286
Condensed milk.....	253,225	31,049	599,416	77,826
Evaporated milk.....	2,597,123	164,404	2,641,549	174,378
Canned fruits, total.....	15,844,538	1,063,573	26,298,034	1,886,857
Apples and applesauce.....	821,387	30,515	1,654,522	74,429
Apricots .....	900,019	38,535	652,020	54,799
Berries, other.....	41,993	4,116	49,510	4,972
Cherries .....	87,286	8,475	101,864	11,375
Fruits for salad.....	2,158,805	217,423	2,304,055	248,584
Grapefruit .....	2,918,182	163,278	5,647,964	309,184
Loganberries .....	46,035	4,188	435,840	24,756
Peaches .....	3,350,781	210,957	3,813,078	281,875
Pears .....	4,355,772	270,846	10,458,182	776,029
Pineapple .....	961,234	77,927	912,692	75,356
Prunes .....	44,371	4,136	63,220	6,351
Other .....	157,683	13,177	205,087	19,147
Canned fish, total.....	6,409,637	715,574	7,089,906	765,714
Mackerel .....	309,984	14,369	311,904	14,610
Salmon .....	2,675,259	472,291	4,037,127	560,037
Sardines .....	2,992,339	162,609	2,505,709	150,251
Shellfish .....	383,250	58,683	132,878	29,194
Other .....	48,805	8,132	83,188	11,622

# Amendments to New York Seed Law

An amendment to the New York seed law, which became effective December 1, 1934, requires that labels on the containers of vegetable seeds must show the kind of seed, the variety, the germination and the year when the test was made, also the name and address of the packeter or the vendor.

Another amendment empowers the Commission of Agriculture and Markets to remove from sale or prohibit from sale any mutilated seed or any seeds which are found to be so grossly unclean as to be unfit for seeding purposes, and to destroy after due process of law seeds which are found to be so weak or low in germination as to be useless for seeding purposes.

Misrepresentations are prohibited in a new clause which provides that "no person shall sell or offer for sale or advertise for sale any seed if the package containing it or the tag or label attached thereto, or any advertising relative to it, shall bear any statement or device regarding such seed which is false or fraudulent in any particular."

### Production and Stocks of Canned Milk

	1935 Pounds	1934 Pounds	Change Per cent
Manufacturers' stocks (case goods) March 1:			
Evaporated (34 firms).....	26,164,242	112,936,473	-76.83
Condensed (8 firms).....	5,152,806	4,774,412	+ 7.93
Total production, February:			
Evaporated (33 firms).....	116,161,618	94,123,355	+23.35
Condensed (7 firms).....	4,901,515	4,355,285	+12.34

### Fruit and Vegetable Market Competition

CARLOT SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Week ended Mar. 23		Week ended Mar. 16		Total for season through Mar. 23	
	1934	1935	1935	1935	1934	1935
<b>Vegetables:</b>						
Beans, snap and lima.....	296	374	330	6,737	4,276	
Tomatoes.....	602	409	366	5,262	3,855	
Green peas.....	178	66	117	1,988	1,538	
Spinach.....	326	267	279	5,764	3,900	
<b>All other vegetables:</b>						
Domestic—						
Competing directly.....	4,954	3,292	2,685	84,375	75,279	
Competing indirectly....	62	223	294	33,304	51,333	
Imports—						
Competing directly.....	42	55	599	314	540	
Competing indirectly....	31	19	29	331	998	
<b>Fruits:</b>						
Citrus, domestic.....	3,644	3,402	3,380	66,599	75,426	
Imports.....	11	3	3	479	284	
Others, domestic.....	202	116	129	13,467	18,163	
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